

*A*  
linking the imported document to a first electronic folder if the attribute data contained in said data structure matches a set of predefined criteria corresponding to the first electronic folder.

26. (Amended) The method of claim 25 further comprising the steps of:

*A2*  
monitoring modifications to the document; [and]

extracting updated indexing information; and

updating the attribute data contained in the data structure based on the updated indexing information.

*29* 30. (Amended) The method of claim [29] 1 further comprising the steps of:

electronically analyzing the attribute data stored in the data structure corresponding to the document;

determining whether the document is to be automatically linked to the first electronic folder, based on the electronic analysis of the attribute data stored in the data structure; and

*A3*  
*cont.* identifying the document on an inclusion list if it is determined that the document is not automatically linked to the first electronic folder.

*30* 31. (Amended) The method of claim [29] 1 further comprising the steps of:

electronically analyzing the attribute data stored in the data structure corresponding to the document;

determining whether the document is to be automatically excluded from being linked to the first electronic folder; and

identifying the document on an exclusion list if it is determined that the document is not to be automatically excluded from being linked to the first electronic folder.

31

32. (Amended) The method of claim [29] 1 further comprising the steps of:  
monitoring document modifications; and  
automatically linking the document to a second electronic folder if a document  
modification causes the attribute data to match a set of predefined criteria corresponding to  
the second electronic folder.

32

*AB  
contd.*  
33. (Amended) The method of claim [29] 1 further comprising the steps of:  
monitoring document modifications; and  
automatically deleting the link between the document and the first electronic folder  
if a document modification causes the attribute information to no longer match the set of  
predefined criteria corresponding to the first electronic folder.

33

34. (Amended) The method of claim [29] 1, wherein the attribute data is a document title.

34

35. (Amended) The method of claim [29] 1, wherein the attribute data is a document  
author.

35

36. (Amended) The method of claim [29] 1, wherein the attribute data is a phrase  
associated with the document.

36

37. (Amended) The method of claim [29] 1, wherein the attribute data is a key word.

37

38. (Amended) The method of claim [29] 1, wherein the attribute data is a common  
concept.

38

39. (Amended) The method of claim [29] 1 further comprising the step of:  
automatically manipulating the document based on a predefined behavior associated  
with the first electronic folder.

*V 50*  
51. (Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having stored therein a program which executes the steps of:

importing a document into a collection of documents in a computer-based system, wherein the collection of documents is organized within the computer-based system in accordance with a hierarchy of electronic folders;

*A4*  
storing the document in memory;

automatically extracting attribute data from the document; [and]

generating a data structure corresponding to the document comprising the extracted attribute data in a standardized format regardless of document type or document format, and wherein the data structure is stored and maintained in memory separate from the document;

predefining category criteria for a first electronic folder, wherein the first electronic folder is one of the electronic folders which make up the hierarchy of electronic folders; and

linking the document to the first electronic folder if the attribute data extracted from the document and stored in the data structure matches the category criteria.

*51*  
52. (Amended) The computer-readable storage medium in accordance with claim [52] 51, wherein said program further comprises the executable steps of:

electronically analyzing the attribute data stored in the data structure corresponding to the document;

comparing the attribute data to the predefined category criteria for the first electronic folder;

determining whether the document is to be automatically linked to the first electronic folder based on the comparison; and

identifying the document on an inclusion list if it is determined that the document is not to be automatically linked to the first electronic folder.

52

54. (Amended) The computer-readable storage medium in accordance with claim [52] 51,  
wherein said program further comprises the executable steps of:

electronically analyzing the attribute data stored in the data structure corresponding  
to the document;

comparing the attribute data to the predefined category criteria for the first  
electronic folder;

determining whether the document is to be automatically excluded from being linked  
to the first electronic folder; and

identifying the document on an exclusion list if it is determined that the document is  
not to be automatically excluded from being linked to the first electronic folder.

A5  
Cont.

53

55. (Amended) The computer-readable storage medium in accordance with claim [52] 51,  
wherein said executable step of predefining category criteria for the first electronic folder  
comprises the steps of:

storing a seed document in the first electronic folder;

analyzing the seed document; and

extracting the category criteria from the seed document.

54

56. (Amended) The computer-readable storage medium in accordance with claim [52] 51,  
wherein the predefined category criteria is based on user-defined criteria.

55

57. (Amended) The computer-readable storage medium in accordance with claim [52] 51,  
wherein said program further comprises the executable steps of:

monitoring document modifications; and

automatically linking the document to a second electronic folder if the attribute data  
now matches predefined category criteria associated with the second electronic folder.

54  
a

56

58. (Amended) The computer-readable storage medium in accordance with claim [52] 51,

wherein said program further comprises the executable steps of:

monitoring document modification; and

automatically deleting the link between the document and the first electronic folder if the attribute data no longer matches the predefined criteria associated with the first electronic folder.

58

57

59. (Amended) The computer-readable storage medium in accordance with claim [52] 51,

wherein the attribute data is a document title.

A5  
contd.

58

58

60. (Amended) The computer-readable storage medium in accordance with claim [52] 51,

wherein the attribute data is a document author.

59

58

61. (Amended) The computer-readable storage medium in accordance with claim [52] 51,

wherein the attribute data is a phrase associated with the document.

60

58

62. (Amended) The computer-readable storage medium in accordance with claim [52] 51,

wherein the attribute data is a common concept.

61

58

63. (Amended) The computer-readable storage medium in accordance with claim [52] 51,

wherein the attribute data is a key word.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-28, 30-51 and 53-83 are still pending in this application, wherein claims 1, 26, 30-39, 51 and 53-63 have been amended and claims 2-28, 40-50 and 64-83 remain unchanged. Based on the remarks which follow, favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

55

a